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C O N F I D E N T I A L USUN 0104

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SUBJECT: SECURITY COUNCIL MIDDLE EAST DEBATE

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SUMMARY: ARAB DRAFTING GROUP NOW HAS BEFORE IT SYRIAN DRAFT RESOLUTION (REFTEL), BUT IS REPORTEDLY CONSIDERING POSSIBILITY OF INTRODUCING TWO RESOLUTIONS, A SYRIAN DRAFT ON PALESTINE AND AN EGYPTIAN DRAFT ON THE MIDDLE EAST. DEBATE CONTINUES WITH EGYPT CALLING FOR PROMPT RECONVENING OF GENEVA WITH PLO, SYRIA DEMANDING THAT SC ADOPT GA-TYPE RESOLUTION AND REQUEST SYG TO IMPLEMENT IT, JORDAN EMPHASIZING THAT PALESTINIAN RIGHTS INCLUDE THE RIGHT OF PALESTINIANS TO RETURN TO THEIR COUNTRY, AND UAE ASSERTING THAT RESOLUTION 242 MAY HAVE BEEN APPROPRIATE IN 1967 BUT ITS NON-IMPLEMENTATION LED ARABS TO BELIEVE THERE WAS NOW SOMETHING FUNDAMENTALLY WRONG WITH IT. END SUMMARY.

1. ACCORDING TO ARAB DELEGATES SERVING ON THE DRAFTING GROUP, ONLY RESOLUTION ON THE TABLE IS SYRIAN DRAFT THAT SOUNDS (THOUGH WE HAVEN'T SEEN IT) IDENTICAL TO TEXT GIVEN EMBASSY CAIRO (REFTEL). OUR CONTACTS TELL US THERE IS NO QUARREL AMONG ARABS ON THE PRINCIPLES, BUT GENERAL RECOGNITION THAT THE DRAFT WOULD PROVOKE AT LEAST ONE AND PROBABLY SEVERAL VETOES. IF IS FOR THIS REASON THAT INTEREST IS GROWING IN TWO RESOLUTIONS, SECOND OF WHICH WOULD BE SHORTER AND MORE GENERAL. DISCUSSION IS CENTERING ON A THREE-PART RESOLUTION WHICH EGYPTIANS APPEAR TO BELIEVE "MODERATE" ENOUGH TO PASS. ELEMENTS WOULD BE: (A) TOTAL ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL FROM ALL TERRITORIES OCCUPIED IN 1967, (B) RECOGNITION OF NATIONAL RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE AND (C) CALL FOR RECONVENING OF GENEVA CONFERENCE WITH PALESTINIAN PARTICIPATION. (APPARENTLY NO THOUGHT IS BEING GIVEN TO REAFFIRMATION OF 242 AND 338.)

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2. JORDANIAN AMB SHARAF SPOKE WITH A FEW REPORTERS LATE JANUARY 13 AND GAVE BRIEF RUNDOWN OF ARAB DRAFTING GROUP'S ACTIVITIES. SHARAF SAID A SYRIAN WORKING PAPER WAS BEING USED AS BASIS OF DISCUSSIONS, BUT FINAL AGREEMENT HAD NOT BEEN REACHED ON LANGUAGE. BASIC PRINCIPLES WOULD INCLUDE AN EXPRESSION OF PALESTINIAN RIGHTS, CALL FOR COMPLETE ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL, AND TIMETABLE FOR RECONVENING SECURITY COUNCIL. HE SAID A REFERENCE TO CHAPTER VII OF THE CHARTER WAS UNDER DISCUSSION. WHEN TOLD BY REPORTERS THAT THESE

PRINCIPLES WOULD CERTAINLY DRAW A US VETO, HE SAID THE DRAFT HAD NOT BEEN DISCUSSED OUTSIDE THE ARAB GROUP. ASKED IF ARABS WOULD CONSIDER REPLACING PALESTINIAN "RIGHTS" WITH PALESTINIAN "INTERESTS", HE SAID DEFINITELY NOT.

3. DETAILED ACCOUNT OF DEBATE BEING SENT BY UNCLASSIFIED SUMMARY. MOST SIGNIFICANT POINTS WERE THE SIX ELEMENTS WHICH EGYPTIAN AMB MEGUID DESCRIBED AS ESSENTIAL FOR A PERMANENT MIDDLE EAST PEACE. THESE ELEMENTS WERE AS FOLLOWS: (A) ACHIEVEMENT OF PALESTINIAN NATIONAL RIGHTS; B) ESTABLISHMENT OF A PALESTINIAN NATIONAL ENTITY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PRINCIPLE OF SELF-DETERMINATION; C) TOTAL ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL FROM ALL TERRITORIES OCCUPIED IN JUNE 1967, NO OTHER INTERPRETATION OF RESOLUTION 242 BEING POSSIBLE; D) RECOGNITION THAT GENEVA PEACE CONFERENCE IS THE PROPER NEGOTIATING FORUM, AND SC IS NOT A SUBSTITUTE; E) RESUMPTION OF GENEVA CONFERENCE WITH THE PARTICIPATION OF THE PLO; AND F) SC SUPPORT FOR A CALL FOR RECONVENING PEACE CONFERENCE IN NEAR FUTURE, ADDRESSING ITS APPEAL TO CO-CHAIRMEN AND SYG.

4. SC WILL NEXT MEET JANUARY 14 AT 3:00 PM.

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